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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2002 issued in the above-identified U.S. patent application. Kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claim 16 in its entirety, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11-13, 15, 17-20, 22, 24-30, 33-36, 38, 39 and 41 as follows:

(Once Amended) A method of preparing a snack product from a cooked cereal dough, comprising the steps of:

A. providing free cereal grain pieces having a particle size of about 0.5 to 2.5 mm and a moisture content of at least 18%;

B. cooking and forming the grain pieces into a cooked cereal dough in a cooker extruder in a first cooking step to provide an at least partially

the grain pieces
just before cooking
step